

REMARKS

The pending claims presented for prosecution are 117-124, 132, 155, 156, 158-177, 183-187 and 200-205.

Initially, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of Claims 155, 156, 158-177 and 200-205.

Claims 67-95, 97-99, 100-107, 109-111, 113-116, 131, 133-154, 157, 178-182, and 188-199 have been cancelled without prejudice and without disclaimer of subject matter. Non-elected Claims 133-154 have been cancelled without losing the right to file a divisional application presenting the non-elected claims, as well as new claims drawn to the subject matter thereof.

Claims 67-95, 97-107, 109-111, 113-124, 131, 132, 178 and 179 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the reasons stated.

Claims 67, 94, 95, 97, 98 and 105 were cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

Claim 117 has been amended as kindly suggested by the Examiner. Applicants believe this amendment obviates the rejection as applied to Claim 117 and the claims dependent on Claim 117 and respectfully request it be withdrawn.

Claims 67-95, 97-99, 101-107, 109-111, 113-116, 178-182 and 188-199 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as obvious over Claims 1-38 and 40-49 of U.S. Patent No. 5,066,883 in view of Klopper.

These claims have been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection as moot.

Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be favorably considered and the application issue to passage.

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